

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice.

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Please add new claim 15-28 as follows:

15. (New)        A twist mop comprising:
  - a) a pole;
  - b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;
  - c) a movable collar connected to both the fibers and the pole, said collar being adapted to traverse the pole in an axial and a radial direction;

d) an upper spline connected to the pole, said upper spline interacting with the collar; and

e) a pawl connected to the collar, the pawl being shaped to flex toward the upper spline when said collar axially and radially traverses the pole,

whereby the fibers are pulled taut when the collar rotates in a first direction around the upper spline and the pawl rotates in a second direction, opposite to the first direction, around the upper spline.

16. (New) The mop of claim 15 wherein the collar comprises a middle slot for inserting the pawl.

17. (New) The mop of claim 16 wherein the pawl comprises projections and a base, the projections rest inside the collar and the base rests outside the collar, and the projections connect to the base so that a majority of the base material is distal from the projections.

18. (New) The mop of claim 17, wherein the collar comprises lower slots and the mop fibers are woven into the lower slots.

19. (New) The mop of claim 18, wherein the collar is guided around the pole when the collar is moved about the pole in a radial direction.

20. (New) The mop of claim 19, wherein the axial length of the upper spline allows the spline to engage the pawl when the mop fibers are wrung.
21. (New) The mop of claim 20 further comprising a lower spline, the lower spline interacting with the pawl and allowing the collar to move in a radial direction substantially preventing the collar from turning when mopping.
22. (New) The mop of claim 21, further comprising an axial area between the upper and lower spline, the axial area having no spline so that the collar may move in any radial direction to un-wring the mop fibers.
23. (New) The mop of claim 22, wherein upper and lower splines are each on stationary collars, the upper stationary collar having an upper area, the lower stationary collar having a lower area,  
whereby the upper area and lower area are without a spline to limit the axial motion of movable collar.
24. (New) The mop of claim 23, further comprising a top handle, a middle handle, and a hook.
25. (New) The mop of claim 24, wherein the top and middle handles are contoured to comfortably engage a hand of a user.

26. (New) A twist mop comprising:

- a) a pole;
- b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;
- c) controlling means controlling the fibers and pulling the fibers taut, the controlling means including a movable collar; and
- d) a pawl connected to the collar, the pawl being shaped to flex toward the collar when said collar axially and radially traverses the pole,

whereby controlling means pulls the fibers when the collar rotates in a first direction around the pole and the pawl rotates in a second direction, opposite to the first direction, around the pole.

27. (New) A twist mop comprising:

- a) a pole;
- b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;
- c) a movable collar connected to both the fibers and the pole, said collar being adapted to traverse the pole in an axial and a radial direction, and said collar including a middle slot and lower slots, said fibers being woven into the lower slots;
- d) an upper spline connected to the pole, said upper spline interacting with the collar; and
- e) a pawl connected to the collar, the pawl being shaped to flex toward the upper spline when said collar axially and radially traverses the pole, the pawl including projections and a base, the projections being inside the collar and the base being outside

the collar, the projections connecting to the base so that a majority of the base material is distal from the projections; and

whereby the fibers are pulled taut when the collar rotates in a first direction around the upper spline and the pawl rotates in a second direction, opposite to the first direction, around the upper spline.

28. (New) A twist mop comprising:

a) a pole;

b) fibers connected to the end of the pole;

c) controlling means for controlling the fibers and pulling the fibers taut, said controlling means including a movable collar, said collar including a pawl, said collar being adapted to traverse the pole in an axial and a radial direction, and said pawl being flexible and removable from said collar; and

d) an upper spline connected to the pole, said upper spline interacting with the collar,

e) whereby said pawl is shaped to flex toward the upper spline when said collar axially and radially traverses the pole,